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Governor Doyle Appoints Citizens to Consortium on Biobased Industry

Governor Jim Doyle today appointed a diverse group of citizens to help guide the state's commitment to the emerging bioeconomy, including renewable fuels and energy and biobased products.

"My vision is to make Wisconsin a leader in the emerging bioeconomy," said Governor Doyle. "Virtually everything that can be made from petrochemicals can be made from plants."

Governor Doyle's Consortium on Biobased Industry builds on the work of the Governor's Energy Task Force. The consortium brings together farmers and foresters, ethanol manufacturers, energy experts, researchers and entrepreneurs to position Wisconsin to be a leader in the emerging bio-economy.

The task of the consortium is to prepare a roadmap and recommendations on how best to support the development of renewable fuels and energy and bio-based products in Wisconsin.

Appointed to the Consortium on Biobased Industry are:

- Jan Alf, Director of Business Development, Forward Wisconsin
- Eric Apfelbach, President and Chief Executive Officer, Virent Energy Systems, Inc.
- Sue Beitlich, President, Wisconsin Farmers Union
- Bill Bruins, President, Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation
- Chad Coogen, Project Engineer, Smithfield Beef Group
- Earl Gustafson, Neenah, Energy/Projects Manager for the Wisconsin Paper Council
- Craig Harmes, Manager of Business Development, Dairyland Power Cooperative
- Charles Hill, Sobota Professor, Chemical Engineering, UW-Madison
- John Imes, Executive Director, Wisconsin Environmental Initiative
- John Lawson, Senior Executive Vice President, Boldt Construction
- Sue LeVan, Program Manager, US Forest Products Lab
- John Malchine, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman, Badger State Ethanol
- Matt Reboli, Plant Manager, Genencor International
- Thomas Scharff, Director of Power and Energy, Stora Enso North America
- Robert Sherman, Environmental Manager, Kraft Foods
- Michael Sussman, Madison, Director of the University of Wisconsin Biotechnology Center
- Scot Wall, President, Bank of Cashton
- Holly YoungBear-Tibbets, Director, Sustainable Development Institute, College of Menominee Nation
- Kim Zuhlke, Vice President, New Energy Resources, Alliant Energy

The consortium convenes on June 27, 2005 and will meet six times until May 2006, when their recommendations will be presented. The meetings are open to the public.